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HOLY TRINITY MISSION GLENDALE SPRINGS

This issue of the Quarterly is devoted almost entirely to the interests of the Mission at Glendale Springs, and becomes in fact a specific appeal for a final effort to secure the amount needed to complete the Building Fund for the Mission House at this particular station. Just twelve months ago, in February, the manager of the Quarterly sent out about a thousand printed letters, asking for one dollar from each of the branches of the Woman's Auxiliary receiving the appeal.

In reply some sixty branches and individuals sent offerings for the Building Fund, amounting to about \$350.00, one hundred dollars of which was the gift of an individual. Gradually the Fund has grown, until at the present writing, just about one year from

the time the first appeal was made, it amounts to almost \$700.00.

We have aimed to secure \$1200.00 as the least that would build and furnish a simple cottage for the use of the mission workers. We had hoped to have undertaken the erection of the building by this time, but it was thought best to have at least three-fourths of the total amount on hand before letting any contracts as it is the earnest desire to keep out of debt in this undertaking. Consequently there is being made just at this time this determined effort to secure the remaining \$500, or as much as possible of it, before the opening of spring so that when the active work of the Mission is again begun at that time, the securing of a suitable

residence for the mission workers may proceed without delay, at least financially.

Two of the volunteer workers from Wilmington, N. C., who were at Glendale Springs last summer, have, during the winter, contributed on different occasions articles to the "Carolina Churchman," from which the following is quoted:

"Much has been said and written about the work at Glendale Springs, but I having been one of the workers for the greater part of the past year, would like to add a few words.

"Glendale Springs is one of the Valle Crucis Associate Missions. It is a rich field, certainly one which the Church cannot afford to neglect. With few exceptions the people do not need material help, but they do need to be shown how to use their many advantages. There is a great need for spiritual help and guidance, and how are they to receive it without the Church, and how is the Church to give it without the prayers and support of its members. In saying that the people do not need material aid, do not understand that the Mission can be conducted without financial support; \$575.00 is needed immediately to complete the building fund for the new Mission house.

"There is now a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary with a mem-

bership of ten; the Young Woman's and Junior Auxiliary, each numbering about twenty members. Of course these branches are not confined to Church members, for as yet the membership is small. Great interest was shown in the meetings as some of the women arrived several hours before the appointed time, invariably bringing several children with them. It was a pleasure to have the people come to the Mission as often as they did, showing that they felt at home and that they had a share in the work. It was indeed interesting to watch the children enjoy the books and games which were kept for their amusement.

"Through the aid of several Auxiliaries and Societies there was a Christmas tree for the Sunday school. Great was the excitement on Wednesday afternoons when the Young Woman's Auxiliary met to dress dolls for the little girls' Christmas. The children were not permitted to see the dolls and many were the wistful glances directed towards the windows. The Junior Auxiliary made various articles as presents for their mothers; thus teaching the children the spirit of giving.

"The Sunday school was well attended—from elderly men and women down to babes in arms came during the varying weather, and many were the calls for the

loan of prayer books and hymnals. The questions asked showed that much thought had been spent on various subjects.

"We have quite a nice library which is much enjoyed by old and young. A little boy of five came recently and asked for a book which he could "sutdy at nights," as he expressed it.

"Much of the success of the

work is due to Miss Virginia Mitchell, who laid such a splendid foundation during her stay at Glendale.

"The need of the Church's influence is very great. Will you not help to make it possible for Holy Trinity Mission at Glendale Springs to be a permanently established Mission?

"LOUISE W. HARLOW."

"Tell me something of the work at Glendale," I have been asked by every one since I came home from Holy Trinity Mission in the fall. Would I might show it all so plainly that each one would be doubly interested in this wonderful work and humbly thankful for the privilege of helping in it. This summer we had three volunteer workers, which made the work seem much more alive and left the regular worker more time for her outside duties.

We had our own work to do, cooking and house work, as servants are unknown quantities there, our water to draw from an old-fashioned well and carry either to the kitchen or upstairs to our rooms, and, at first, our wood to split.

After September the first we had very little trouble getting this heavy work done, as the crops

were nearly all worked and ripening, and boys were at leisure. Our school was a joy to us as the children were so obedient and anxious to learn.

We practised singing hymns for a little while in the Church each morning, then marched over to the school house where we opened school with the Lord's prayer and memorized part of a psalm.

We learned the 23rd, 21st and several others.

We bought our corn and "tot-ed" it to mill ourselves and then reveled in the delicious corn-bread made from really fresh meal.

Breakfast came at 7:30, then our housework, and school at 9. On three days in each week we had a sewing class for the girls and began raphia work with the

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PRAYERS.

"In the evening and morning and at noonday will I pray, and that instantly; and He shall hear my voice."

MORNING: For the Valle Crucis Associate Mission.

O God, Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit we pray Thee with Thy love and favor, the congregations, Clergy and Lay-workers in the District of Asheville (especially in the Valle Crucis Associate Mission); enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting gospel; graft in our hearts a love of Thy truth; increase in us true religion; nourish us in all goodness; and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same, O blessed Spirit, whom with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. Amen.

Our Father.

NOONDAY:

"Thy Kingdom come."

EVENING:

O God, who hast made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the whole earth,

and didst send Thy blessed Son to preach peace to them that are far off, and to them that are nigh. Grant that all men everywhere may seek after Thee and find Thee. Bring the nations into Thy fold and add the heathen to Thine inheritance. And we pray Thee shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect and to hasten Thy kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father.

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boys which I believe will prove a great success.

Dinner at 1:30 and at 3 o'clock on Wednesdays embroidery class for the older girls, every other fair day we went visiting, meet-in the people in their own homes.

This last was a joy always as we loved the walks through the quiet woods, "lifting up our eyes unto the hills from whence cometh our help," and being welcomed always by the people with open arms.

These people of Ashe county were as good to us as they could be, kindly, courteous and open heartedly generous, giving us of their best apples, vegetables or tomatoes which were very scarce and a great treat at the Mission House.

If we went in the afternoon we

were always urged to spend the night.

There is a quiet dignity about many of these mountain people which is often mistaken for stolidness, but when one gains their confidence the masks are dropped and the golden hearts show true. To us they seem very ignorant of a great many things and yet do we live as truly by the light vouchsafed us as they do, I wonder? They are so childishly open in their vices that almost it seems "What, being hid is sin, done openly becomes no sin."

They want us to stay and are anxious to learn what we have to teach them, their regret being keen when they thought the Mission was to be closed.

Owing to the fact that the minister-in-charge was unable to secure a permanent worker at once, Miss McCollough came back with us after our visit to Foscoe and took charge until the arrival of Miss Adams who will be at Glendale until January when our lease expires. These visits to Valle Crucis and Foscoe were of intense interest to us for we found, especially at The Valle, the realization of what, in Glendale, we are praying and working for, the establishment of a living, working community with Christ at the head of it and His Church the steward.

The idea of taking us to the

Valle was splendid for it gave us the help of seeing what others had accomplished and meeting those who were instrumental in the accomplishment.

Never shall I forget the quiet joy of those hours in The Valley of the Cross! Mr. Cox from our own beloved Wilmington was with us and Monday morning August 29th we went through the dewy orchard down to the little Chapel where he celebrated the Holy Communion for the workers in the Valle Crucis Associate Missions, giving us a most beautiful heart-talk on the meaning of this Holy Sacrament. It was one of the "high places" we reach a few times in our lives when the world things slip away and leave us face to face with ourselves and vastly dissatisfied with what we see; knowing we should be so much more perfect, "Even as He is perfect."

Thos who "draw near" to partake of the Blessed Sacrament together at such a time come closer to each other than is possible under any other circumstances and form a bond never to be broken throughout eternity.

We Glendale workers went back refreshed and strengthened from this loving communion with our fellow laborers to strive harder than ever in our own field. That field is a wonderful one I assure you.

Through the splendid work of Miss Mitchell we have a strong hold on the people and the abandonment of this station would be most disastrous to the ultimate success of the Church in this community. Through the generosity of a lady in New Jersey the stipend for the worker for 1910-1911 has been provided and now our great need is a new and permanent mission house.

The proposed plan is for a very simple house but it seemed an untold joy to us in its coziness and convenience after the awful barn-like, half finished house we have been occupying. The people said our house was "hanted" and one could well believe it as one listened to the howling of the wind and the sepulchral groans and shrieks or the creaking timbers in the wee small hours of the night.

As far as we personally found the only "hants" were inconvenience and coldness but these noises at night were fearsome indeed to a city bred girl who was nervous anyway after an attack of typhoid. The kitchen was in the yard and we ate in one end of it to save time and steps.

Thanks to these generous donors we will need only a stove for the new kitchen, and we also have china, silver, linen, for both bed and table, and pretty cotton comforts but no other furnishings.

Of course we intend to make a

great many things there as we have plenty of timber on our ten acre lot and the labor for cutting and sawing it has been promised.

The people there have no money but they have subscribed liberally their time, teams and labor to clear the ground, cut the timber and build the house.

They are not ignorant heathen but a great many have had such garbled interpretations of the Bible presented to them that their beliefs are almost sacriligious, and we have to begin at the very A. B. C. of Bible History. One man told us when we asked him if he were the Baptist preacher "Wal, thet's abouart whut I pass fer;" and he was "a powaful exhorter!"

Another said, "I don't believe in ejicatin preacher caze Gaud say'd He'd put the words in they mouth. I had heard that belief before and was enabled to give him a little light on the subject.

Again I was told, "Preachers don't need no edijicating; the 'Postles warn't edijicated."

My answer here was, "We are told that all Jews were taught in the Synagogue" and besides that they were taught by our Blessed Lord "all things which were expedient." Do you not think it would be the grandest education in the world to be taught of Jesus Christ Himself."

He went away thinking more deeply than ever before for this

had never occurred to him nor had he ever been taught.

At Sunday School one morning I was showing the pictures in my Bible to a little girl about fourteen years old and spoke of the Jews, then said. "Do you know what Jews are? I do not believe you have any up here." "Yes marm, we do," he whispered; very different from the self-assured city children are these quiet, shy little ones of the hills. They are taught that it is not nice to talk "big," or loud, before their elders and they obey their teachers almost implicitly. "Why I have not seen any Jews since I came up. Where are they" I asked.

"You mean jew (dew) comes up nights on grass?" the little one questioned.

Do you see where we must begin?

How can a mind absolutely without the commonest facts of history grasp the mighty truths of life?

The foundation must be laid in the minds of the children that their children perhaps can come into "the full knowledge and understanding of the Law." And the only way to teach them is to have a worker stay with them. Shall we keep this worker and our beloved Church there or shall we give up and forsake them? The Board of Misions cannot build a

mission house at Glendale and Bishop Horner has a larger burden now than mortal ought to bear so here is our opportunity to put our shoulder to the wheel and help.

I know a Presbyterian in this town who supports a missionary in the Far East and another who is giving his time and brain on the committee at Glendale; and also liberally in money.

Another noble woman in this field not only gives her services the year around but pays board for the blessed privilege of sharing in our Lord's work.

What will you do?

The Juniors of St. John's have done nobly and we want Wilmington to feel a very close interest in this station and take it for her own special work to see that the house is built.

It seems dreadful that we must beg and beg for the means of carrying on His work but houses can not be built and people fed on nothing and money is absolutely necessary as few workers can support themselves and give their time.

We need your prayers too my friends as much as we need your cash.

Could you give up the moving pictures a few nights, or possibly the cold drink you feel you must have or even a new dress which is not absolutely necessary. Think

it over and remember that, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." And that "blessedness" brings with it peace unthinkable

when we have made a real sacrifice for Him as some slight token of our appreciation of His loving kindness to us.

M. L. C.

These extracts tell something of the work as it has been carried on at Glendale Springs, and the need for the permanent establishment of the Mission there.

Will not those who read the Quarterly make this work an ob-

ject of special prayer during the Lenten season, that it may be maintained and carried on to the glory of God and the salvation of many souls, and perchance the opportunity and privilege of making an Easter offering will recommend itself to the readers.



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